

## DECLARATION

As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence and post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**SLIPS FOR DRILL PIPES OR OTHER TUBULAR MEMBERS**" the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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We hereby declare that all statements made of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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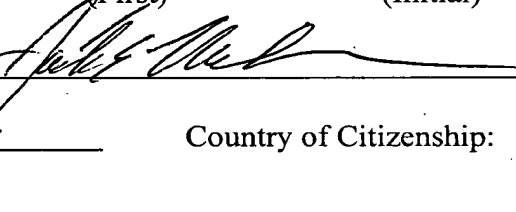
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